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SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FROM FY 1976 PROCEEDS OF SALES

REF: A) LA PAZ 4291; B) STATE 148401

1. DURING RECENT CONSULTATION WITH FORMER POST BFO ROBERT LEWIS, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE EMBASSY PLANS TO RELEASE PURCHASE ORDERS/OBLIGATE MONIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF CURRENT FY FOR HOUSEHOLD OFFICE FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AGAINST FY 1976 ESTIMATED PROCEEDS OF SALES FUNDS. BUREAU AWARE THAT OBLIGATIONS THIS PURPOSE AT LEAST DOLS 32,000 (REF A), BUT UNCERTAIN IF LARGER ORDER BEING CONSIDERED FOR VERY NEAR FUTURE.

2. WHEREAS BUREAU HAS AGREED BY MEANS OF REF B TO PROVIDE DOLS 100,000 IN THE INITIAL ALLOTMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE, EMBASSY IS ADVISED THAT ACTUAL GENERATION OF SAME AMOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED AND REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO MARCH 31, 1976. IF DOLS 100,000 IS NOT GENERATED, DIFFERENCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL. ANY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT OF PROCEEDS GENERATED MAY REMAIN UNFUNDED.

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3. DUE TO SHIPPING DELAYS PECULIAR TO LA PAZ AND MINDFUL

THAT DREXEL FURNITURE ORDERS WERE BACKLOGGED IN PAST YEAR
DUE TO DISASTEROUS PLANT FIRE IN 1974, BUREAU WISHES TO
ALERT POST TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT YEAR-END FY 1975
EQUIPMENT MAY NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR PRESENT ITEMS TO BE
SOLD FOR PROCEEDS.

4. SUGGEST POST PROCEED WITH CAUTION IN THIS MATTER.
IN ANY EVENT, PROCUREMENT USING PROCEEDS FUNDS SHOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT BE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO ACTUAL GENERATION
OF PROCEEDS.

5. EMBASSY IS COMMENDED FOR ITS INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISH-
ING EXCELLENT SALES PROGRAM FOR USED FURNITURE AND EQUIP-
MENT. INGERSOLL

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